AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A delivery catheter for a gastric reduction system, the delivery catheter comprising:

an elongate torqueable and flexible tube;

a needle translatably disposed within the ~~torqueable~~ tube, with the needle having a penetrating tip; and

[[an]] at least one anchor translatably disposed within the needle, and moveable out of the penetrating tip of the needle.

2. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim 1, wherein the ~~torqueable~~ tube is formed of a braided ~~stainless steel~~ wire.

3. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim 1, wherein the ~~torqueable~~ tube contains a plurality of ~~laser cut~~ slots disposed substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the ~~torqueable~~ tube.

4. (Original) The delivery catheter of claim 3, wherein the slots are formed in a sinusoidal pattern.

5. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim 3, wherein the slot density is increased near a distal end of the ~~torqueable~~ tube.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim ~~6, wherein the coil screw is~~ further comprising a coil fixedly attached to a distal end of the ~~torqueable~~ tube.

8. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim [[6]] 7, wherein the coil ~~screw~~ includes a sharpened distal tip to facilitate tissue penetration.

9. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim [[6]] 7, wherein the coil ~~screw~~ comprises a plurality of coils that form a central opening for the passage of the needle.

10. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim [[6]] 7, wherein the coil ~~screw~~ and needle are substantially coaxial.

11. (Currently Amended) The delivery catheter of claim [[6]] 7, wherein the coil ~~screw~~ is translatably disposed within a delivery catheter lumen.

12. (Original) The delivery catheter of claim 1, further comprising a push rod translatably disposed within the needle and adapted to push the anchor out of a distal end of the needle.

13-45. (Cancelled).

46. (New) A catheter comprising:

a flexible tube having a front end and a back end;

a needle within the tube and having a tip extendible out of the front end of the tube;

at least one anchor positioned within the flexible tube and moveable out of the flexible tube during a surgical procedure; and

a suture connected to one or more of the anchors, and with the suture extending within the tube towards the back end of the tube.

47. (New) The catheter of claim 46 wherein the tube is torqueable and is formed of braided wire.

48. (New) The catheter of claim 46 wherein the tube contains a plurality of slots extending substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the tube, to increase the flexibility of the tube.

49. (New) The catheter of claim 45 further comprising a coil at the front end of the flexible tube, with the coil having a sharp tip.

50. (New) The catheter of claim 49 with the needle having a penetrating tip adjacent to the front end of the flexible tube.

51. (New) The catheter of claim 49 with the needle positioned to extend out of the front end of the flexible tube and through the coil.

52. (New) The catheter of claim 46 further comprising a push rod longitudinally moveable within the needle for pushing one or more anchors out of the tip of the needle.

53. (New) The catheter of claim 46 with the needle having a non-coring tip.

54. (New) The catheter of claim 46 with the tube having a coating of fluorine resins.

55. (New) A catheter comprising:

a flexible and torqueable tube having a front end and a back end;

a needle within the tube and having a piercing tip extendible out of the front end of the tube;

one or more anchors stored within the tube and moveable out of the tube for placement during a surgical procedure; and

a suture connected to the anchor and leading out towards the back end of the tube.

56. (New) The catheter of claim 55 wherein the tube having through slots to increase the flexibility of the tube.

57. (New) The catheter of claim 55 further comprising a coil attached to the front end of the flexible tube.

58. (New) The catheter of claim 55 further comprising a push rod longitudinally moveable within the needle for pushing an anchor out of the tip of the needle.

59. (New) A catheter comprising:

a flexible and torqueable tube having a front end and a back end;

a handle attached adjacent to the back end of the tube;

a hollow needle within the tube and having a piercing tip extendible out of the front end of the tube;

one or more anchors within the needle, with the anchor moveable out of the piercing tip of the needle;

an anchor ejector within the needle;

a suture connected to the anchor and leading out towards the handle;

a needle control on the handle linked to the needle, for moving the needle within the tube; and

an anchor ejector control on the handle linked to the anchor ejector.

60. (New) A catheter comprising:

a flexible tube having a front end and a back end;

a needle within the tube and having a tip extendible out of the front end of the tube;

at least one anchor positioned within the needle and moveable out of the needle tip during a surgical procedure; and

a suture connected to one or more of the anchors, and with the suture extending within the tube towards the back end of the tube.